



GET A HEAD START FOR A CAREER IN RESEARCH

NATIONAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP (MASTERS)

Advance your scientific knowledge in an overseas university and contribute towards Singapore's dynamic research landscape with an A*STAR Scholarship

If you have the passion for research and wish to pursue a career in the emerging frontiers of Computer & Information Science, Food Technology, Microelectronics and more, the National Science Scholarship (Masters) is the scholarship for you.

Discover impactful innovations and embark on exciting career pathways.

Application Deadlines

1 April : For the August intake

1 October : For the January intake (the following year)

AREAS OF STUDIES*



Computer and Information Sciences
(e.g. AI, Bioinformatics, Cybersecurity)



Food Technology and Research, Nutrition



Microelectronics

* Applications in other research areas are welcome.



COVERAGE

Successful applicants will receive the following support* for up to two years:



Full coverage of tuition fees



Monthly overseas living allowance



Annual return airfare



Other allowances including:

- Conference allowance
- Thesis allowance
- Computer allowance
- Settling-in allowance

Upon completion of the Masters programme, scholars will return to Singapore and serve a service commitment period of two years.

* All rates/allowances are subject to adjustments by A*STAR periodically.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA[†]

- ✓ Open to Singaporeans
- ✓ Have obtained, or are on track to obtain, at least a 2nd Upper Class Honours Degree or equivalent in relevant disciplines
- ✓ Have strong interest in a research career
- ✓ Have applied or will be applying for a Masters of Research (or equivalent) programme at a top global university

[†] The above criteria are not exhaustive. For complete eligibility criteria, refer to our website for more information.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Does A*GA support a Masters by Research programme only?

A Masters programme with a significant proportion (minimally 50%) of the time committed to hands-on research will also be considered.

2. I am currently holding a scholarship for my undergraduate studies from another government ministry/agency. Can I still apply for NSS (Masters)?

Please clarify the policy and guidelines with your sponsoring organisation before applying for an A*STAR scholarship.

3. Do I need to have secured a place in an overseas graduate school before applying for NSS (Masters)?

NSS (Masters) applicants should have secured a place in an overseas university, or be in the process of applying to one or more universities.

4. I have a few years of Research Officer experience in an A*STAR Research Institute. Will my scholarship application be considered favourably compared to a fresh graduate?

As these are national scholarships, all applications will be treated equitably and reviewed holistically based on criteria such as academic track record, publications and research exposure/experience. Your experience as a Research Officer will be beneficial as part of your overall portfolio for the scholarship application.

5. I do not have any prior experience in research, will there be guidance provided before I embark on my Masters studies?

A*GA will put NSS (Masters) scholars in touch with the Directors of Graduate Affairs (DGA) for advice and guidance on academic/research, career and deployment matters.

6. Can I pursue a PhD immediately upon completion of my Masters programme?

NSS (Masters) scholars are not eligible for bond deferment to pursue further studies, upon the completion of their Masters programme.



UNIVERSITIES THAT HAVE HOSTED OUR SCHOLARS

Carnegie Mellon University



A SPRINGBOARD TO MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES

Public Sector

Government
Research Admin and Policy



Industry

Industry R&D
Industry Corporate Career / Executives
Business Development
Technology Startups



Commercialisation

Tech Transfer / Commercialisation
Patent Examination



Scientific

Principal Investigators
Technology Platform Specialists
Engineers
Senior Scientists Administrators



Academia

Science Education
Clinician Scientists



Entrepreneurship

Technology Start-ups

HEAR FROM SOME OF OUR SCHOLARS



Scan to watch our A*STAR NSS (Masters) scholars as they share their journey.

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